

HOUSE BILL 3167

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
relative to requiring a property damage report
caused by certain wildlife.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

70-1-312.

(a) As used in this section,

(1) "Nuisance animal" means wildlife for which no hunting season
is established by TWRA and for which no hunting license is required to
hunt or kill;

(2) "Property damage" means all real and personal property
damage including, but not limited to, damage to crops, yards, gardens,
and motor vehicles.

(b) It is the duty of the executive director, on or before February 15 of
each year, to file a report with the general assembly that states with specificity
the annual property damage caused by wildlife and nuisance animals throughout
the state. This report shall include the following:

(1) Demographic statistics for the total number of annual property
damage incidents caused by wildlife and nuisance animals;

(2) Statistics involving annual property damage in proximity to
rural and urban areas of the state;

(3) Number of motor vehicle accidents caused by wildlife and
nuisance animals;

(4) Categorization of animals causing motor vehicle accidents and other property damage in the state; and

(5) Any other information the executive director deems relevant to the general assembly.

(c) It is further the duty of the commission to maintain a website portal that allows citizens of the state to report online real or personal property damage caused by wildlife and nuisance animals to the commission.

(d) The commission shall maintain its website in a manner calculated to gather information as it relates to annual property damage caused by wildlife and nuisance animals.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.